



# Tucson's Plan for Energy Efficiency Investments: 2009- 2012

## *SOLAR 101*

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# Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program



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- **Authorized in 2007 Energy Act**
- **Funded in 2009 Recovery Bill - (\$3.2 B)**
- **Eligible cities share \$952 M**
- **Tucson's formula amount - \$5,155,300**
- **10% of funding can be used by the City for grant management purposes**
- **14 categories of eligible activities**



# 14 Eligible Activities

**Develop a City-wide EEC Strategy**

**Grants to Non-Profits for EE Retrofits**

**Distributed Energy Systems**

**RE Technology Installation on City Buildings**

**Consultant Services for EEC Strategy Development**

**EE Programs for Buildings and Facilities**

**Recycling and Materials Reduction Leading to EE**

**Other Appropriate Activities**

**Residential and Commercial Energy Audits**

**EE Programs in Transportation**

**Methane Gas Capture at Landfills**

**Financial Incentive Programs for EE**

**Building Codes to Promote EE**

**Traffic and Street Light Replacement**



EE = Energy Efficiency  
EEC = Energy Efficiency  
and Conservation  
RE = Renewable Energy

# **The Process We Followed**

- **Guidance/Direction From Mayor and Council**
- **Weekly Departmental Meetings to Identify Potential Projects/Programs**
- **Extensive Community Stakeholder Engagement**
- **Screen Suggested Project/Program Ideas with DOE Criteria and Mayor/Council Directions**
- **Final Meetings with Department Directors**
- **Presentation of Proposed Investment Plan to Mayor and Council - June 2, 2009**

# DOE Approval Metrics

- Energy savings per dollar invested
- Greenhouse gases reduced
- Jobs created or retained
- Funds leveraged;  
partnering/collaboration
- Programs extending beyond the life of the grant

## **Limitations & Administrative Requirements**

- **Up to 20% for a revolving loan fund**
- **Up to 20% for sub-grants to non-profits**
- **Up to 10% for City administrative costs**
- **50% distribution of funds upon strategy/application approval by DOE**
- **Remainder released after later DOE Program Reviews ( ~ 6-12 months out?)**
- **All funds must be obligated within 18 months; all funds spent within 36 months**

# **Energy Efficiency Strategy**

**We will use EECBG funds to:**

- a) compliment the City's growing renewable energy program with a widespread energy efficiency initiative**
- b) build upon our existing green building code and land use planning measures**
- c) strengthen our existing water/energy efficiency programs**
- d) further capture low-cost energy efficiency gains in City facilities**

# **Energy Efficiency Strategy**

- e) extend energy efficiency opportunities to residential and commercial sectors**
- f) support the City's Climate Change and Green Jobs Coalition Initiatives**
- g) implement a Green Business Certification Program and provide energy audits in the commercial sector**

## Proposed EECBG Investment Summary

### June 2, 2009

<b>COMMUNITY PROGRAMS/PROJECTS</b>	<b>Leveraging/Partners</b>	<b>Proposed Funding Level</b>	<b>Long-term Revenue Generation/Transformational Attributes</b>
Grants to Non-Profits for Energy Efficiency (EE) Retrofits	Various Non-Profit Organizations (affordable housing, green jobs training, green building retrofits)	\$1,030,000	TBD
Commercial EE Audits and Green Business Certification Program	Partnering with TEP and Local Businesses	\$400,000	Yes
Neighborhood Streetlight Conversion Program	Leveraging Transportation Support	\$424,000	Yes
Commercial Recycling Program	Leveraging Environmental Services Enterprise Fund Support	\$150,000	Yes
Green Jobs Coalition Clearinghouse	Community Partners, Public and Private Sector	\$260,000	Yes
Sustainable Land Use Planning Code	Leveraging Planning Support	\$230,000	Yes
Net-Zero Energy Building Code Development	Partnering with Pima County and possibly Oro Valley	\$106,000	Yes
Community EE and Climate Action Planning Program	Leveraging Climate Change Advisory Committee and OCSD Support	\$350,000	Yes
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,950,000</b>	

<b>CITY PROGRAMS/PROJECTS</b>	<b>Leveraging/Partners</b>	<b>Proposed Funding Level</b>	<b>Long-term Revenue Generation/Transformational Attributes</b>
COT Water/Energy Audit Program	Leveraging Tucson Water Enterprise Fund Support	\$400,000	Yes
Water Pump Booster Efficiency Program	Leveraging Tucson Water Enterprise Fund Support	\$600,000	Yes
IT Implementation of Server Virtualization	Leveraging Information Technology Support	\$180,000	Yes
IT Data Center Consolidation Program	Leveraging Information Technology	\$310,000	Yes
City Parking Lot Lighting Retrofit Project	Leveraging General Services Support	\$200,000	Yes
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,690,000</b>	
Administration		\$515,000	
<b>EECBG TOTAL FUNDING</b>		<b>\$5,155,000</b>	

# **Highlights of \$5.1 Million Strategy and Investment Plan**

- Investment Plan Weighted Toward Community Energy Savings and Job Creation/Retention Benefits**
- Fast-Payback City Facility Energy Efficiency Upgrades**
- Necessity of Pooling Savings to Sustain Continued Efficiency Upgrades**
- A Phased-in Approach to Program & Project Funding**

# **Next Steps**

- **Complete and Submit Application**
- **Design Internal Financial Accounting Mechanisms to Track, Capture and Disburse Energy Efficiency Savings Into Additional Projects**
- **Develop Contract and Sub-Grant Strategies and Timelines**
- **Develop Internal Project Implementation, Monitoring, and Measurement Plans**
- **Determine Phasing Plan for Funding**



**Thank You!**